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**SENATE BILL 5461**

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**State of Washington**                      **57th Legislature**                      **2001 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Jacobsen, McAuliffe and Rasmussen

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1            AN ACT Relating to housing assistance for school district  
2 employees; adding a new section to chapter 43.330 RCW; creating a new  
3 section; and making appropriations.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that many school  
6 district employees, including teachers, other certificated staff, and  
7 classified employees, cannot afford to live within reasonable distances  
8 of the areas in which they work making it more difficult for those  
9 employees to maintain vital links with the school community including  
10 participation in after school activities. Housing assistance for  
11 school district employees would help school districts recruit and  
12 retain qualified employees.

13            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 43.330 RCW  
14 to read as follows:

15            (1) The department of community, trade, and economic development,  
16 in cooperation with the housing finance commission, shall develop a  
17 statewide pilot program to provide down payment assistance loans to  
18 eligible employees of school districts. To be eligible, the employee's

1 median family income shall be less than one hundred percent of the area  
2 median family income or the state median family income, whichever is  
3 higher, and the loan shall be to purchase the employee's primary  
4 residence.

5 (2) The department and the commission shall report to the  
6 legislature by December 15, 2001, regarding the results of the program  
7 including information about the number of borrowers assisted, the  
8 average amount of the down payment assistance, and the number of loans  
9 in each school district.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** (1) The sum of two hundred fifty thousand  
11 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from  
12 the general fund to the department of community, trade, and economic  
13 development for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, to be used by the  
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